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05NEWDELHI4447	2005-06-13 11:43	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

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SUBJECT: ADVANI WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION AND RETURNS TO THE
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REF: A. NEW DELHI 4315 B. NEW DELHI 4270 C. NEW DELHI 4232

Classified By: Charge Bob Blake, for Reasons 1.4 (B, D)

¶1. (C) Summary: On June 10, LK Advani withdrew his resignation as BJP party President in response to unrelenting pressure from the party leaders.

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¶2. (U) The "crisis" in the BJP was resolved on June 10 when LK Advani accepted a statement issued by the party leadership and withdrew his visit to Pakistan "brought the people of India and Pakistan closer together, helped remove a mountain of misunderstanding between Advani did not "describe (Pakistan's founder) Muhammad Ali Jinnah as secular, "but "reminded the people of Pakistan of its founder's address." The BJP reiterates that whatever may have been Jinnah's vision of Pakistan, the state he founded is theocratic and non-secular." There can be no revisiting the reality that Jinnah led a communal agitation to achieve his goal of Pakistan, which devoured thousands of innocent Hindus and Muslims being two separate nations is repugnant to the BJP. It has always condemned the division of India on communal lines.

Comment

¶3. (U) The BJP statement contradicts the historical record, as the "two nation theory" first originated with the Hindutva (Hindu nationalism).

¶4. (C) --The controversy surrounding Advani's resignation has reinforced the crisis within the BJP, which has steadily suffered at the polls since 2004. Although the BJP leadership patched together a face-saving "solution" to the "crisis," the deep divisions within the BJP and between the BJP and the Congress are expected after the monsoons in November, 2005 will be a crucial contest for the BJP. These developments make an NDA government unlikely. The crisis underlined that there is no second generation BJP leader who can currently bridge the two BJP camps like Advani. The behavior of the second tier of the BJP leadership, such as Sushma Swaraj and Murli Manohar Joshi, which failed to come to his aid when he was in trouble, had most likely determined that Hindutva had outlived its usefulness and hoped to steer the BJP towards a more moderate course, in hopes of winning the 2009 elections. His acceptance of the BJP statement with its negative portrayal of Jinnah and his role in history is a public withdrawal from his earlier statements. The Hindu nationalist RSS and its Sangh Parivar allies have scored a major political victory by intimidating Advani and the second tier BJP leadership. This is a major coup for Congress and the UPA, which can now draw a clear political line between its "secular" and progressive outlook and the BJP. These developments could lead to a further decline in the NDA, whose numbers have fallen from 22 parties in 1998 to only 10 today. More parties are expected to join the Congress.

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